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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF PCV STARR

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM AMBASSADOR HECK

1. IN EXPLORING VARIOUS POSSIBLE INITIATIVES WHICH
MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR OBTAINING STARR'S RELEASE BEFORE REPEAT
BEFORE A RANSOM OR OTHER DEMAND IS RECEIVED, I WOULD
APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE FOLLOWING SCENARIOS. OUR
INTELLIGENCE INDICATES THE FARC MIGHT BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO
PRESSURE OR AN APPEAL FROM THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF COLOMBIA.
I REALIZE THE PROBLEMATIC NATURE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BE-
TWEEN THE TWO GROUPS AND THEREFORE EMPHASIZE THAT I AM
ONLY EXPLORING A POSSIBILITY. IDEALLY THE SCENARIO WOULD

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INVOLVE GOC PRESSURE ON THE CP SEEKING TO EXPLOIT THE
LATTER'S PRESUMED DESIRE TO PROTECT ITS RECENTLY ACQUIRED
LEGAL STATUS. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REACTION TO SUCH
AN INITIATIVE AND YOUR ESTIMATE OF BOTH THE LIKELY GOC
RECEPTIVITY TO IT AS WELL AS YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE
REPERCUSSIONS FROM THE CHAIN REACTION DOWN TO THE FARC
THAT IT WOULD HOPEFULLY SET OFF.

2. ANOTHER CONCEIVABLE BUT ADMITTEDLY TENUOUS SCENARIO
MIGHT BE AN OPEN APPROACH BY THE PC DIRECTOR TO THE

COMMUNIST PARTY. AS A LEGAL POLITICAL ENTITY IN
COLOMBIA, THE CP MIGHT BE WILLING TO CONSIDER A STRAIGHT-
FORWARD HUMANITARIAN APPEAL FOR THE RELEASE OF A YOUNG
SCIENTIST WHOSE ONLY PURPOSE IN GOING TO COLOMBIA WAS TO
BENEFIT THE COLOMBIAN PEOPLE. AGAIN I WOULD APPRECIATE
YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE LIKELY REACTION OF ALL PLAYERS
AND YOUR BEST ESTIMATE OF THE CHANCES FOR ACHIEV-
ING OUR OBJECTIVE, STARR'S SAFE AND EARLY RELEASE.

3. I WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT THESE THOUGHTS ARE COM-
PLETELY EXPLORATORY AND YOU SHOULD TAKE NO REPEAT NO
ACTION AT THIS TIME.

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